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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Akira ARAI  
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD  
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**  
Our Ref. Q77797

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising twenty (20) sheets of the specification (Japanese language), including the claims and abstract and five (5) sheets of drawings. **The requisite U.S. Government filing fee and copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>26</u> - 20	= <u>6</u> x	\$18.00 =	<u>\$108.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	= <u>1</u> x	\$86.00 =	<u>\$86.00</u>
Base Fee				<u>\$770.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>				<u><b>\$878.00</b></u>

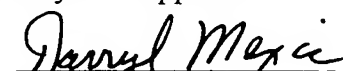
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-288378	October 1, 2002
Japan	2002-288380	October 1, 2002
Japan	2002-288381	October 1, 2002
Japan	2002-288382	October 1, 2002
Japan	2002-288383	October 1, 2002

The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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